

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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Vote No. 182

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AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS/Patients' Bill of Rights (Democrat Version)

SUBJECT: Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000 . . . S. 1233.
Lott motion to table the Dorgan (for Daschle) amendment No. 702.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 53-47

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 1233, the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000, will provide \$60.710 billion in new budget authority (of which \$13.98 billion will be discretionary budget authority, which is the amount provided in fiscal year 1999) for fiscal year 2000. Loan authorizations will total \$9.650 billion.

The Dorgan (for Daschle) amendment would enact a "Patients Bill of Rights": that would regulate the structure and operation of all health insurance products at the Federal level; that would impose costly mandates on consumers, health insurers, and employers; that would enable new lawsuits against employers and insurers for unlimited compensatory and punitive damages; that would result in an estimated 1.9 million Americans losing health insurance coverage; and that would increase private health insurance premiums by an average of 6.1 percent (which would be on top of inflation increases and other expected increases).

Debate was limited by unanimous consent. After debate, Senator Lott moved to table the amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

NOTE: The Daschle amendment was debated concurrently with a Lott amendment to enact a Patients Bill of Rights: that would make health insurance more affordable by accelerating full tax deductibility of health premiums for the self-employed and by expanding the medical savings account (MSA) pilot program to give all Americans access to MSAs; that would improve regulation of those health plans that the States cannot regulate; that would prevent genetic discrimination; and that would provide for a swift and independent external appeals process for contesting health plan decisions. Immediately prior to the rejection of the Daschle amendment, the Senate voted against tabling the Lott amendment (see vote No. 181). The Lott amendment automatically fell when the Daschle amendment was tabled.

For debate, see vote No. 181.

YEAS (53)		NAYS (47)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republicans (53 or 96%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (2 or 4%)	Democrats (45 or 100%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchinson	Fitzgerald	Akaka	Kennedy	
Allard	Hutchison	Specter	Baucus	Kerrey	
Ashcroft	Inhofe		Bayh	Kerry	
Bennett	Jeffords		Biden	Kohl	
Bond	Kyl		Bingaman	Landrieu	
Brownback	Lott		Boxer	Lautenberg	
Bunning	Lugar		Breaux	Leahy	
Burns	Mack		Bryan	Levin	
Campbell	McCain		Byrd	Lieberman	
Chafee	McConnell		Cleland	Lincoln	
Cochran	Murkowski		Conrad	Mikulski	
Collins	Nickles		Daschle	Moynihan	
Coverdell	Roberts		Dodd	Murray	
Craig	Roth		Dorgan	Reed	
Crapo	Santorum		Durbin	Reid	
DeWine	Sessions		Edwards	Robb	
Domenici	Shelby		Feingold	Rockefeller	
Enzi	Smith, Bob		Feinstein	Sarbanes	
Frist	Smith, Gordon		Graham	Schumer	
Gorton	Snowe		Harkin	Torricelli	
Gramm	Stevens		Hollings	Wellstone	
Grams	Thomas		Inouye	Wyden	
Grassley	Thompson		Johnson		
Gregg	Thurmond				
Hagel	Voinovich				
Hatch	Warner				
Helms					

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay